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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application, and entry of this listing of claims is respectfully requested:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A braid folding unit of a shielded wire, comprising:
2 a primary expanding means to beat a braid exposed on an inner cover of the shielded wire
3 so as to outwardly expand the braid;
4 an expanding pipe to enter an inside of the braid along the inner cover so as to further
5 outwardly expand the braid; and
6 a braid folding member to advance along an outside surface of the expanding pipe so as to
7 push the braid in an axial direction of the shielded wire and to fold back the braid, wherein
8 the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of
9 sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the
10 pair of sliding members in opposite wire ~~longitudinal~~ lateral directions.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

1 Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A braid folding method of a shielded wire, comprising
2 the steps of:

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3 beating a braid exposed on an inner cover of the shielded wire by a primary expanding means
4 so as to outwardly expand the braid;

5 entering an expanding pipe into an inside of the braid along the inner cover so as to further
6 outwardly expand the braid by an end sloping portion of the expanding pipe;

7 advancing a braid folding member along an outside surface of the expanding pipe so as to
8 push the braid in an axial direction of the shielded wire and to fold back the braid, wherein

9 the primary expanding means has a pair of openable-and-closable expanding teeth, a pair of
10 sliding members fixing the respective expanding teeth, and a driving means to open and close the
11 pair of sliding members in opposite wire ~~longitudinal~~ lateral directions.